

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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**Senator:** Senator the Hon Kate Lundy

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**Question:**

Senator LUNDY: I want to ask what role does the APSC play in determining the best location for agencies, but I think I need to ask you in the first instance whether you play any role at all.

Ms Foster: No, we do not.

Senator LUNDY: What about the department, as opposed to the APSC? Does the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet—

Ms Foster: I think Ms Kelly would need to answer that question.

Senator LUNDY: or indeed the Minister assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service?

Ms Kelly: I would have to take that on notice. It is not my area.

**Answer:**

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has no formal role in determining the best location for Commonwealth agencies. It has, however, provided advice to the Prime Minister relating to the possible relocation of Commonwealth agencies, but ultimately, that is a matter for Ministers and their departments.